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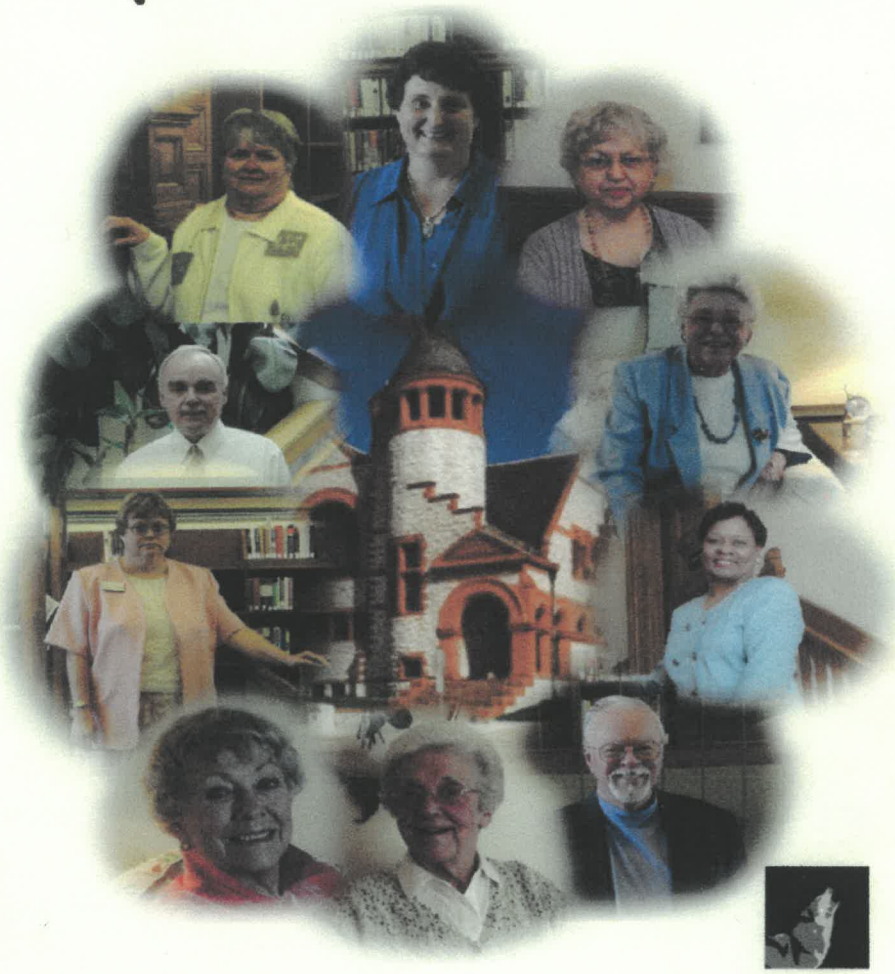

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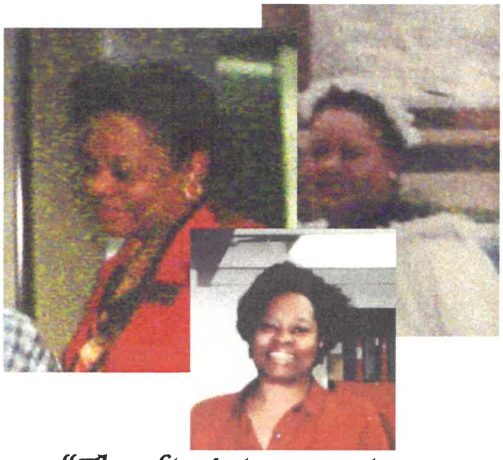
Earnestine Butler-Kennedy

Earnestine started at the Hoyt library right out of high school in 1972. She worked in the Circulation Department. In 1979 Earnestine moved to the Claytor Library in Circulation.

In 1980 she returned to the Hoyt library working in the Children's Department. She later went on to work in Circulation.

Earnestine is proud of the fact that she has worked for the Public Libraries of Saginaw for 30 years. Her dedication and friendly manner are her best attributes. She is well known and respected by co-workers and patrons. She continues at Hoyt in the Circulation Department.



"The first impression leaves a lasting one."

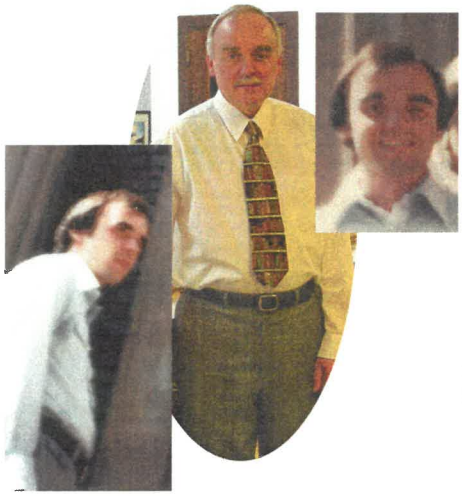
Dreams: "I would like to see the Saginaw Downtown area become more active like it used to be. I would also like to see a youth evening program at the library. A lot of kids hang out but have nothing to do. It would be nice to give them something to do."

Dave Curtis

Dave started working for the Public Libraries of Saginaw in 1972. He started at the Butman-Fish Library as Assistant Director/Head Librarian. His Immediate supervisors were, Barbara Gaertner, Bernie Oppenneer, and Terry Risko.

Dave earned his Masters Degree in Library Science at the University of Michigan. He left the Butman-Fish library in 1978 and took the position as Director for the James E. Wickson Memorial Library in Frankenmuth.

Dave was best known for the work done with local writers of the Saginaw area, both young and old. He started the Poets Workshop. This workshop still continues and is now known as the River Junction Poets in the Saginaw area.



Dreams: "I wanted to do something with writers. This could not have happened without Bernie. Butman-Fish lacked room and we needed a new building. I was able to be there for the initial planning."

Nelda Hinz

Nelda started at the Butman-Fish library in 1935 in the Children's Section then moved one year later to the Circulating Desk. She moved to Chicago for a time after her marriage and returned to Hoyt in 1953. In 1960 she got a position in the Reference Department.

Nelda worked for four directors during her years at the Public Libraries of Saginaw and was well respected. She was known for her pleasant personality and loyalty to the libraries. Nelda is also known as the historian for the libraries.

Nelda retired in May of 1979 in the position of Assistant Director and Head of Reference. She earned a Masters Degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan.

"I never wanted to do anything else. This is where I wanted to work."

Dreams: "I wanted more books, more money, and more staff, the usual struggles of libraries."

Helen Leach

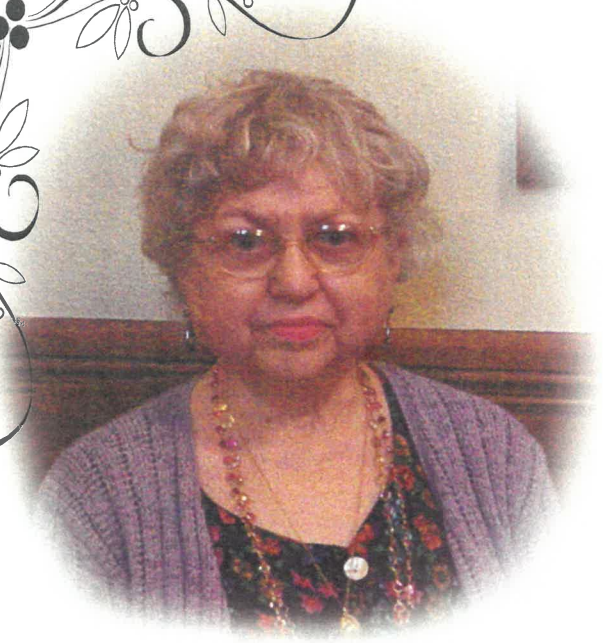
Helen began her career with the Public Libraries of Saginaw in 1941. She started out as a cataloger and she worked under Frances Dunn. She filled in at the Reference Desk and as a Readers Advisor when needed.

Helen left in 1947 and returned in 1965 and worked as a cataloger. In 1975 she became Head of Cataloging and Technical Services.

Helen attended Bay City Junior College and the University of Michigan.

Helen retired in March of 1986 as Head of Cataloging and Technical Services. She loved seeing the new books come in because she got to see them first. That is what she misses the most. Helen is known for her friendly personality, dedication, and kindness to others.

Dreams: " I wanted to see the woodwork upstairs refinished. When I was a child I can remember the old staff room upstairs in the back where they had a piano and held recitals. There was beautiful oak woodwork in the room. Someone painted it and plastered over it. The woodwork is now restored. I also wanted air-conditioning because with all the stonework the room would heat up during the day and stay hot."



Peggy Lugthart

Peggy began as an assistant in Reference on September 21, 1970. Her immediate supervisors were Nelda Hinz, Paul Hicok, Sherill Smith, and Kate Tesdell. The library director was Bernie Oppenneer. She worked for one year at the Butman-Fish library. Peggy worked twenty two and one half years for the Public Libraries of Saginaw.

Peggy is fluent in French. She had special training in Genealogy and Michigan History. She attended the Milwaukee-Downer College and the University of Michigan.

Peggy retired in December of 1992 as Assistant in Reference. She is known for her interest and dedication to Genealogy and Michigan History.

Dreams: "I wanted carpet in the library. I also wanted air-conditioning."

Anna Mae Maday

Anna Mae Maday officially started working for the Public Libraries of Saginaw on July 5, 1977 as a Library Assistant and later managed the Eddy Collection at the Hoyt Library. She spent a lot of time at the library as a young adult before graduating from high school, even then she had a love for genealogy and local history.

Anna Mae was known by some employees before working at Hoyt because as a young woman she visited the library and was involved in the Genealogical Society. Anna Mae has had extensive training and interest in genealogy and local history.

Anna Mae is known for her determination in keeping Historical and Genealogy collections current and continues to do so.

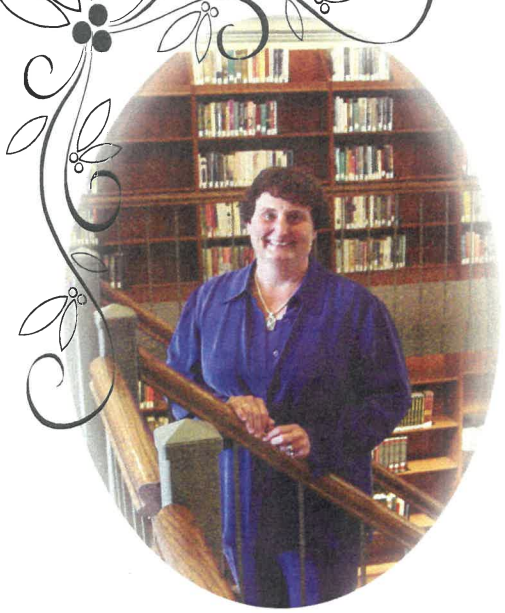
Dreams: "There are some things I would like to get done. The Mezzanine room used to have many boxes of old documents in it and they were transferred to the basement. I have not had enough time to go through all of that yet. I would also like to finish the obituary project that I am currently working on."

Bernie Oppenneer

Bernie came to the Public Libraries of Saginaw full of ideas and innovative projects. In 1971 he was an understudy as Associate Director under Stanley Tanner. When Stanley retired a year later he became Director of the Public Libraries of Saginaw system.

Bernie was well respected by his employees. He taught them how to work as a team, stay focused, try out new innovative ideas, and how to lead. But above all he taught them how to have fun and become a family.

He was active in many different areas, such as, President of Michigan Library Association, and President of the Kiwanis Club. Bernie left the Public Libraries of Saginaw in 1977 to go to the Des Plaines Public Library in Des Plaines, IL.

Dreams: "The main building needed remodeling and air-conditioning needed to be addressed but we did not feel we had the money. It was addressed later. Butman-Fish needed a better building and we were able to accomplish that . Saginaw Township did the expansion we planned for. The Claytor Branch moved into a new building and the South Jefferson (Wickes) Branch became more user friendly. Salaries and job descriptions improved. I was pleased with what we could do."

Ruth Reinert

Ruth started her adventure with the Public Libraries of Saginaw in 1965 under the tutelage of Frances Dunn who was the Coordinator of the County Extension and Children's Department. Ruth worked in that department from 1965 to 1969.

In 1970 she became Head of Registration. In 1972 she worked for the Saginaw Area Library System now known as the White Pine Library Cooperative.

In 1977 Ruth became an Assistant in Reference for the Hoyt Library. In 1979 she became Head of Circulation at Hoyt. In 1996 she became Head of Acquisitions, Circulation, and Technical Services.

Ruth received a lot of on the job training from the best and is known for passing that knowledge on to others. She is especially known for her outgoing personality and her desire to continue with the family atmosphere at the libraries by being the coordinator for all staff social events and functions.

"IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER REUNION"

Dreams: "I want to stay here forever and sit in a lazyboy chair. I want to be here for another automated system. I love the challenge. I hope that they can keep all the branches open."

Carol Reinke

Carol started working for the Public Libraries of Saginaw in 1957 at the Zauel Library. These were hard times with many layoffs in the community. The job came at a great time. Carol left for a period of time after her second child was born in 1961. This was considered by all that knew her as her "nine year leave of absence."

Carol worked as a Desk Clerk and Readers Advisor at the Hoyt Library and as Branch Head at Zauel. She earned her B.A. at Eastern Michigan University and then her Masters Degree in Library Science at the University of Michigan.

She retired May of 1995 as Branch Head at Zauel. Carol was known for being very helpful to all new employees and the one that kept them laughing. She was a good trainer with a wealth of knowledge and a patient manner.

"A good library is one that has something that will offend everyone"

Dreams: "Most of my dreams for the library came true. I wanted a budget where I could do everything I needed to do. Of course that is nonexistent."

Carol Shackelford

Carol started working for the Public Libraries of Saginaw in 1970 as a Children's Librarian at Hoyt. She went to all the libraries at one time or another for storytelling, school functions, summer reading programs, and the famous puppet shows.

Carol earned her B.A. Certificate in Library Science from the University of Denver.

Carol was well known for her love of children and for providing the best programs possible to keep the children interested. She was also known for her puppet shows and her handling of Noah the Boa Constrictor.

Carol retired in 1981 as the Outreach Coordinator at the Hoyt Library.

Dreams: "I had some say in the design for the new Butman-Fish Library. I also feel the Children's Department needed to be closer to the rest of the library. The kids don't bother anyone. They are the readers of the future."

old Faces New Places

Butman-Fish

"Butman-Fish was an old Carnegie building with two stories. When coming into the building on the left was the Children's Section and on the right the Adult Section. These were separated by the Circulation Desk. I was in on the planning stages of the new library just before I left. I like old buildings so I didn't mind leaving before it was completed."

Dave Curtis

Claytor

"I can remember working at the old Claytor Library in the late 1970's when the library was in a little house, short of staff and with sloping floors. There were times when I was in charge there because I was the only one working. I've seen it grow and grow."

Earnestine Butler-Kennedy

Hoyt

"My first library experience was at the Hoyt. It was the most wonderful place in the world to me. I would come with my father when they were open Friday nights. I used to tiptoe into the Children's Section with a goal to read every book there. I never succeeded, of course."

Carol Reinke

Wickes

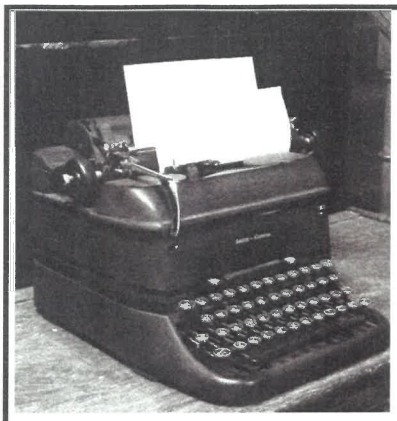
South Jefferson

"In describing the branch libraries, Butman-Fish was a Carnegie building, Zauel was a contract library through the Township and was a large growth area. Claytor was a major branch, and South Jefferson (Wickes) was the smallest library. South Jefferson started in a store front building and continued to grow and later Wickes was built."

Bernie Oppenneer

Zauel

Clank Clank...Ding



"We used to have typewriters that were the old, black Smith Coronas. They were loud and clanky."

Ruth Reinert

"In the early 70's the Circulation Department was very different. All the paperwork was done by hand or on the old electric and manual typewriters."

Earnestine Butler-Kennedy

Frances Dunn, Helen Clears

"The first night the new security system was on I got a call. A Page had taken a bunch of typewriters and stored them in the dumbwaiter until closing and was caught while leaving."

Bernie Oppenneer

"One night after we got our first security system in the Hoyt Library they caught a Page trying to steal the typewriters. He had the typewriters hidden in the dumb waiter until closing. When the security system went off the police got him."

Nelda Hinz

Miss Prall

"In the 1950's when Miss Prall was around you didn't dare lean on or sit at a desk. She was a taskmaster and we had to know our books inside and out. We couldn't be seen at nightclubs or a bar in those days either."

Nelda Hinz

Anna Benjamin

Librarian

1899-1922

"Things were proper in those days. We never went downtown without our hats and gloves. Skirts and dresses were our uniforms, we could not wear slacks."

Nelda Hinz

Frances Dunn

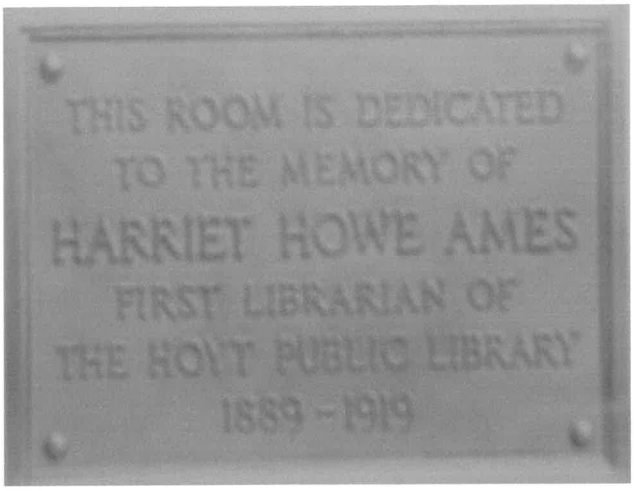
Helen Clears

"Mrs. Bray would get annoyed at times with patrons when she was working on her catalogs. So when she had to work on them she wore a hat so patrons would not bother her."

Nelda Hinz

Margaret Bray

Ames Collection



"In 1890 the library was opened and Miss Ames ran it. Someone said that she was the first person of her caliber to come into this lumber town. She came from East Boston and she brought her prized Hollyhocks. No one was allowed to take the seeds.

She didn't think much about American literature at the time so she would go to Europe and bring back books and magazines. This was good for our students who were studying the American Revolution because they could get the European's point of view.

Students from colleges like the University of Michigan would wonder how we acquired such a collection. She also brought in Medieval things. These were an amazing source of materials now called the Ames Collection."

Nelda Hinz

"In the early 1970's while on a genealogical visit with a distant relative in the town of Methuen, Massachusetts, I visited the Nevins Memorial Library.

A few years later when I started working at the Hoyt Library I found out that Harriet Ames, the first Hoyt Librarian, had also been the librarian at Nevins in Methuen.

Miss Ames' catalog of the Hoyt Library materials was identical to the Nevins Memorial catalog. Those two volumes of the Nevins catalog I confiscated from reference and had them transferred to the Eddy Room's Hoyt Library archives collection.

"A few years before the Hoyt Centennial my relative sent me a copy of an article and picture highlighting the centennial of the Nevins Memorial Library.

The historic picture of the Nevins Library interior was similar to Hoyt picture of Harriet Ames office in Saginaw. Unfortunately that article has been misplaced.

Shortly before their centennial the reference librarian from Nevins contacted us for a picture of Harriet Ames. Neither institution has ever located a picture of this camera-shy librarian."

Anna Mae Maday

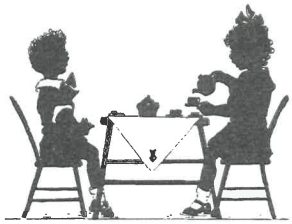
TEA FOR ALL

"Miss Prall was a typical southern style lady. She was very dramatic but very nice. We didn't get coffee breaks back then but every Saturday we would have a tea party . We only got 15 minutes and it was very formal."

Helen Leach

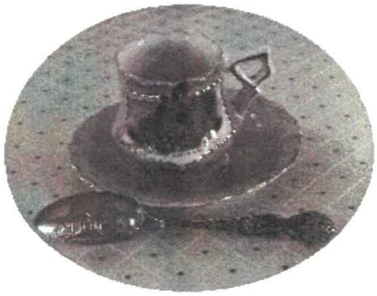
"Miss Prall every Saturday morning would have a formal tea party in the staff lounge. We would go up in shifts and have tea and little cakes."

Nelda Hinz



"In the earlier days someone was assigned to pick up donuts in the morning. In fact earlier still they used to have tea parties on Saturdays in the staff lounge. It was quite the formal affair. I found the original silver spoons that were tucked away in a drawer in the staff lounge area. There used to be a lounge with a kitchenette in it."

Ruth Reinert



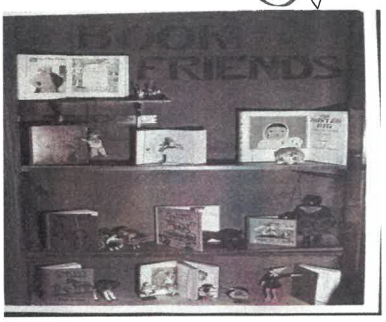
The tea set (above) has been in Nelda Hinz's family since the early 1900's. It was given to her by her mother, Martha Beinert. The spoon was bought in 1905 by her mother and has her initials engraved on the back.

Nelda Hinz

"The Children's Room had long desks and the door was bright orange and open to the public then. Frances Dunn had an office where the Children's Storytime Area is now. In her office she had a miniature book collection that she would display in the Children's Area occasionally. We also acquired an antique doll collection."

Ruth Reinert

Frances Dunn

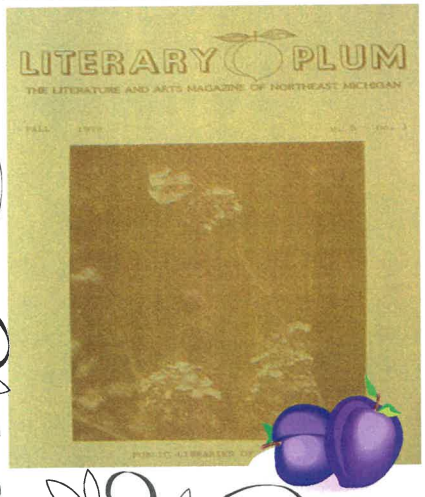


"I can remember Frances Dunn collected miniature books. It was a neat collection. I don't know what happened to them."

Carol Reinke

"I occasionally worked at the Butman-Fish Library under Joan Buscarino. She was a wonderful person. She read every novel she could find. Everyone confided in her, even the patrons. One day a young man came in and wanted Joan to see his new car. He was so excited. So Joan went out to look at that car, that was the way she was, warm and friendly."

Carol Shackelford



"When our first millage passed and we were able to reopen all our branches we started a Genealogy Society and published the "Timbertown Log". Dave Curtis formed a writers poetry group and published a literary magazine called the "Literary Plum". This was open to the public for short stories and poetry. This was a neat program that was valuable at the time."

Bernie Oppenneer

Gems

"Bernie Oppenneer was the best supervisor I ever had. He had a sixth sense when trouble was brewing he would be right there. He gave great parties. The whole staff was invited. These were great times."

Peggy Lugthart

Louise Yeager, Bernie Oppenneer, Ann Koehler, Bernice Frenzel

"I learned my job by watching Mrs. Hinz and other employees. When Mrs. Hinz would roll her eyes we always knew what it meant. She did that when she saw a problem patron come in."

Peggy Lugthart

Rosemary Fitzharris, Margaret Bray Ruth Anderson, Gladys Blakely, Nelda Hinz

"Joan Buscarino and Margaret Bray worked in Cataloging. Jerry Simpson worked in the Music section and Ruth Kleinert, who is gone now, was in Science and Technology. Nelda Hinz in Genealogy was never sick a day in her life."

Peggy Lugthart

Jerry Simpson, Ruth Kleinert

"I first started at the Butman-Fish Library. I worked with Barbara Gaertner until she retired. She put up with me because I was young. She taught me everything I know."

Dave Curtis

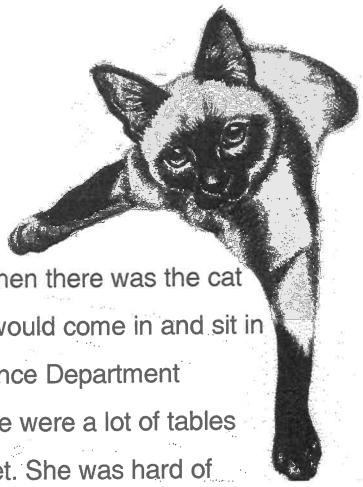
"I used to visit the Hoyt Library with my father as a child. I can remember Nelda Hinz, Helen Persons, and Peggy Lugthart from the Hoyt Library. I was interested in genealogy."

Anna Mae Maday

"The Genealogy Department was a strength for Hoyt. Nelda Hinz kept an interest going in that area. It was one of the bigger genealogy sections in Michigan north of Detroit almost as strong as Grand Rapids."

Bernie Oppenneer

Cats Abound



"Then there was the cat lady. She would come in and sit in the Reference Department where there were a lot of tables and crochet. She was hard of hearing and wore a hearing aide so we would have to talk real loud to her. There was a time I remember that she lost the hearing aide down between her breasts and she shrieked while trying to get it out. I was sad when she passed on."

Ruth Reinert

"The cat lady came in and would crochet in the Reference Department. Her yarn was dirty because she used it over and over. One day she got wild and we had to call the police to get her out. We found out not long after that she was ill and we heard it took five people to hold her down at the hospital to give her a bath. She smelled real bad. She died not too long after."

Helen Leach

Ruthie, the "Cat Lady", we called her. She was a teacher in the 1930's and she wore old-fashioned clothes and was quite shy. She would come to the library to get books. Sometimes she wore galoshes or she would wear her coat like a skirt.

She had a lot of cats and sometimes she would bring in a big shopping bag and you would see something wiggling in there. We knew it was a cat.

Ruthie was very deaf and wore a hearing aide that ran on batteries. The hearing aide would make a lot of noise sometimes and I would have to go tell her to turn it off."

Nelda Hinz

Tidbits

"A patron I remember is Doctor Hines, a Pathologist in Saginaw. He was always dressed to a tee. He would wear a scarf with a pin in it. He was wonderful. He would bring in cookies at Christmas time. In fact I think he still does. He was very special."
Ruth Reinert

"We had wonderful patrons. There was a time when we had the materials for new shelves but no one to help put them up. One day a group of patrons came in and opened up the boxes and got to work. Howard Mannion was one of them. He owned a hardware store near by."
Carol Reinke

"A funny patron moment was when I thought to myself as a patron was going past me that he had a jacket just like mine. I didn't think much about it until I went to my locker that evening to go home and I discovered that my jacket was missing. He had on my jacket! This was not the last time my leather jacket was taken."
Earnestine Butler-Kennedy

"I decided that I needed to put a security system in after a young man came and took his girlfriend out the door under his arm. You could hear her screaming all the way out the door. There was also a time when the cash register was taken off the checkout desk."
Bernie Oppenneer

"I was one of the new 20 year olds hired and five of us got pregnant at the same time. Back then pregnant women were put in the backroom so they weren't seen. There were too many of us so we had to work the Circulation Desk. We also had to wear skirts, dresses with hose, and no slacks. We were not as comfortable as we could have been."
Carol Reinke

Treasures

"There was an old man that wore the same jacket and came in everyday to read the paper. One day he didn't come in and we were worried. We knew one of his neighbors and asked if they would go check on him. They found him sick and took him to the hospital where he died. His daughter called later to thank the staff for caring about her father."

Nelda Hinz

"I remember another patron named Linda. She would come in with her doll. She was a nice looking young woman but very flaky. She would get very upset at times and we would have to get her out of the library. She had an apartment close by. She would come in with a gentleman sometimes and she would often get upset with him and yell at him in the library and we would have to ask her to leave. I have seen her walking lately still carrying her doll."

Helen Leach

"There was one patron I remember who was a pain. He would come in and always be on the verge of suing someone. He would ask us about the laws. We hated to see him come in and sometimes we would fight over who was going to help him that day."

Nelda Hinz

"I remember a guy named "Phineas the Bear". He was from West Point during World War Two. There was an accident in which he was gassed and was then on disability. He would come in everyday and sometimes he would be really red-faced like something was wrong with him. He thought the new xerox machines were too loud and it bothered him. He said they should not be in a library."

Nelda Hinz

"The Jolly Green Book Pod"

"We ran the Bookmobile on the weekdays to various areas of the Saginaw Library System and on the weekends we would go to some outlying areas like Birch Run, Frankenmuth and Zilwaukee. There were times when we ran the full size bus with rotating collections through the Saginaw area and at the same time ran the parcel bus to different patron locations."

Paul Lutenske

Paul Lutenske

"Paul Lutenske and Jim Rowan primarily drove the bookmobile. It was a robins egg blue bus.

I remember the clutch used to go out in it a lot. It had the words "County Service" on the side and it was parked at the Wickes Library.

I remember a time when they drove it from the Thumb area to Hoyt with the clutch broken so at Jim's retirement I gave him the ***"Broken Clutch Award"."***

Ruth Reinert

Jim Rowan

"Jim Rowan was in charge of the bookmobile that was housed at the South Jefferson (Wickes) Branch."

Bernie Oppenneer

"My first library experience was going to the bookmobile at Holy Rosary school in Saginaw."

Anna Mae Maday

"If you can't get to the library wait until it comes to you. Saginaw's Bookmobile, operated by the County Service Division of the White Pine Library System, has been making numerous stops throughout the area."

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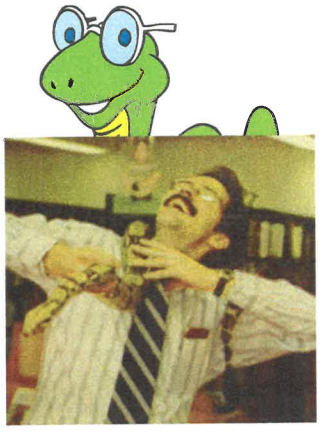
Noah the Boa

"We even had a snake, Noah the Boa. I did not like that snake! I stayed away from him when he was being fed rats. Some of the kids really loved that snake and some did not. There were even parents that would not come down to the children's Department because they knew the snake was there."

Earnestine Butler-Kennedy



The Children's Place is a Special Place

"I discovered that working in the Children's Department at Hoyt was my cup of tea. It was interactive and fun. I worked with Carol Shackelford, Gail Gillman, Linda Bryant and Faye Gatson."

Earnestine Butler-Kennedy

"I loved kids and would mother them. I was very protective of them. I have known some of these kids for many years. Some are 20-30 years old now."

Earnestine Butler-Kennedy

Carol Shackelford

Jan Curtis

"I lived five blocks from Saginaw and used to walk to storytime before the addition to the Children's Section. We used to sit in front of a fireplace. I was always a reader and can remember Miss Dunn, Miss Clears, and Miss Prall."

Helen Leach

"I worked on the puppet shows with Gail Gillman at Hoyt. We made our puppets to go with popular books like Judith York's "Terrible Awful No Good Day". We had a pig, dogs and cats, Punch and Judy, a devil, a policeman and many more. Some were made of cloth others by papier mache'. We had a stage that would fold up and be easily transported to schools, churches, and other places. Gail was very spirited and had wonderful ideas. Gail began "The Battle of the Books" contest for elementary kids."

Carol Shackelford

"Gail Gillman and I would do the end of summer reading programs. We used to have a big carnival in the Castle Museum parking lot. There were events held inside and out. We even had a dunk tank that Mr. Risko would sit in. We had fortune tellers, games and prizes."

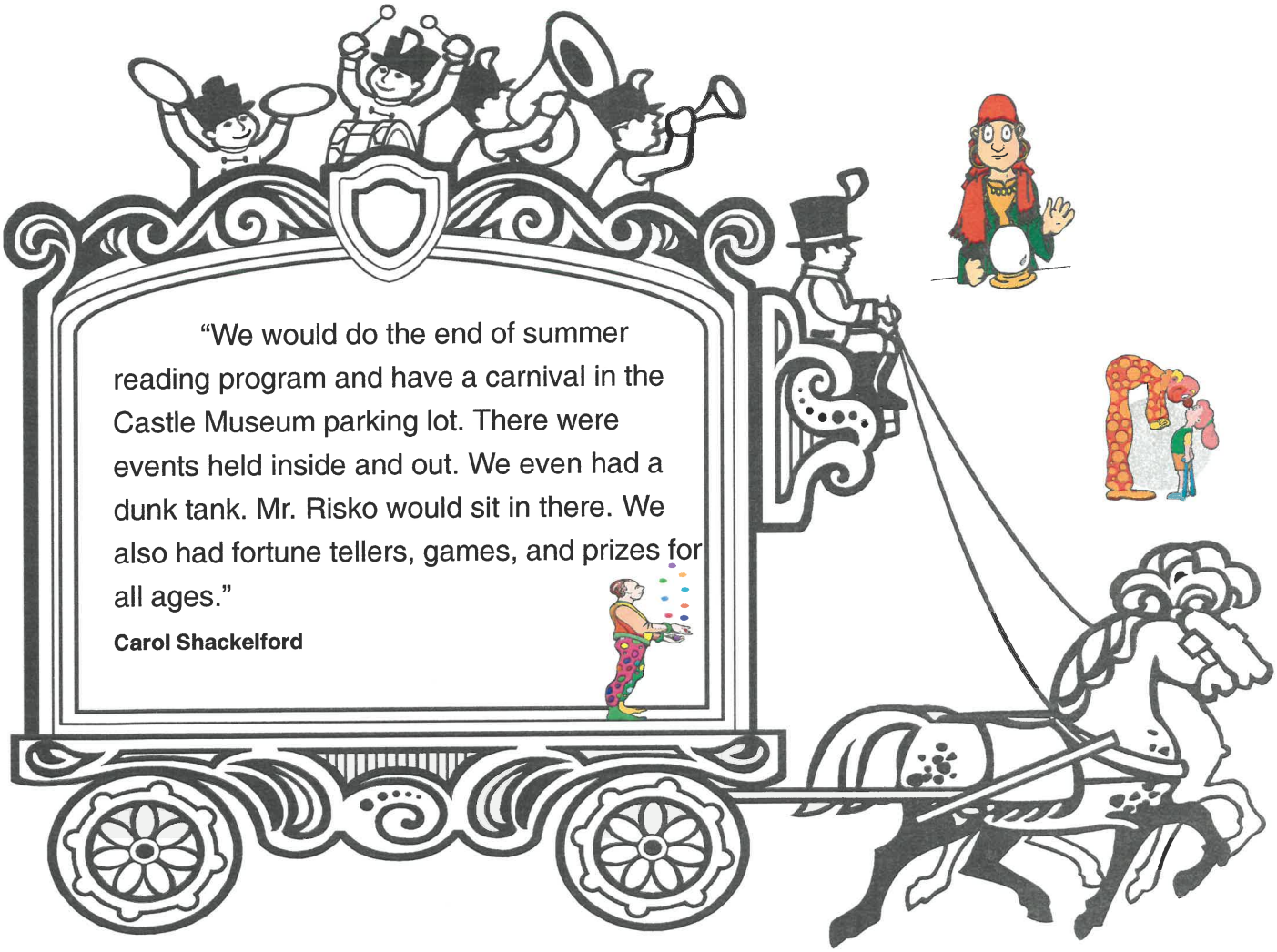
Carol Shackelford

"There was one family I was very fond of and they would come in every week. There were ten children. The kids were funny and very respectful to librarians. I enjoyed working with them."

Earnestine Butler-Kennedy

"Miss Dunn and Miss Clears had an apartment together. They were both from Illinois. They planned for different authors to come in and one was Clair Bishop. We planned a party for Laura Ingalls-Wilder's 90th birthday in memory of her life. We baked a cake from her recipes and we got a fiddler to play her father's music. Unfortunately she died two days before the event. We didn't know if we should continue with our plans. It was such a let down but we did it anyway and did not tell the children."

Nelda Hinz



"We would do the end of summer reading program and have a carnival in the Castle Museum parking lot. There were events held inside and out. We even had a dunk tank. Mr. Risko would sit in there. We also had fortune tellers, games, and prizes for all ages."

Carol Shackelford

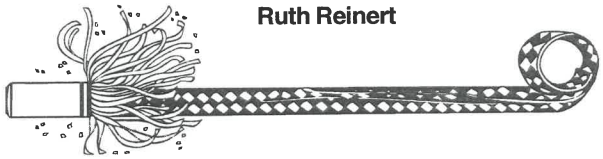
True Stories

"I can remember a time when we almost had to close the library because of an event we held. We brought in a rock band for the young adults and it was so loud the librarians could not hear to answer the phones and the children could hear it in the Children's Department downstairs. It was quite a distraction, but a lot of fun."

Bernie Oppenneer

"We had a lot of parties. Our favorite one was when the director left for the day or to a convention. We would bring in food and it would last all day. The Directors knew about it but never stopped it. We stopped doing it on our own before Kathy O'Connell started. This was when the closeness between staff started to change. There was a lot of turnover."

Ruth Reinert

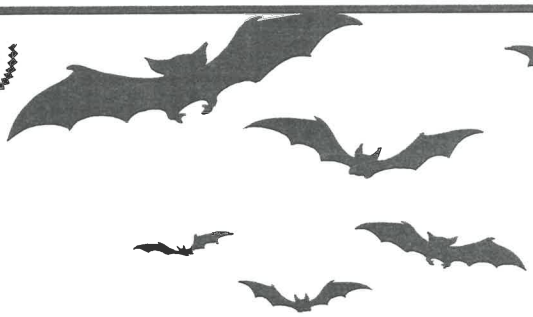


"The library got hot in the summer because it was not air-conditioned. We put fans up everywhere. When someone would run the copy machine it would short out the wiring and in the basement where I worked it would go black. I didn't like the dark and learned to have a flashlight on hand.

I worked downstairs and was cut off from much of the staff and would not always pay attention to break times. I would hear footsteps on the stairs going to the staff room. I knew then that it was time for a break. I could recognize most of the footsteps of my coworkers."

Anna Mae Maday

Unbelievable



"There was a time that I caught a bat at the Hoyt Library and took it outside across the street and let it go. I ran back to the library and I'll be darned if that bat didn't follow me back. I made it to the back door just in time and the bat clung to it. I had to catch it again and let it go. It scared me because you hear all the stories about them getting caught in your hair."

Ruth Reinert

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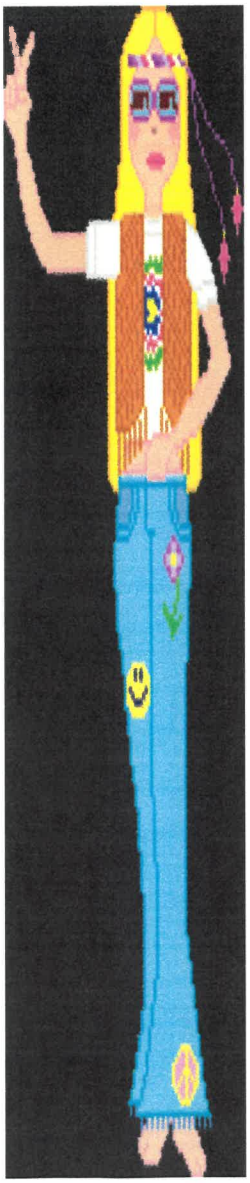
Really?

"In the 60's dress changed. I can remember having this lovely rust pant suit with bell bottoms and a vest. I felt quite elegant but later went back to dresses. They were more comfortable."
Carol Reinke

"Many of the older books in the Michigan Collection have a gold or silver foil medallion pasted on the front cover. I was told that in the past they were marked that way to identify books only to be used by adults."
Anna Mae Maday

"One night a patron I knew came up to me real polite with a volume of art work by Rubens. It was a picture of a nude cupid and he said, "Mrs. Hinz don't you think she looks like you around the eyes?" I didn't know what to say. He took the book with him so I went to find another copy to show my coworkers. I asked them if they thought she looked like me around the eyes. We got a big kick out of that one. Anything can happen in the library."
Nelda Hinz



"There was a fellow that used to send Nelda Hinz nylons. She couldn't get rid of him even though she would get after him. He was a little weird."
Helen Leach

"We had a small fire once and our patrons were so dedicated that no matter what they would turn in their books on time. A woman came in while our ceiling was on fire and fireman had their hoses everywhere. The patron made her way around all the hoses and men to put her book in the drop box. The fireman yelled to her and said "There's a fire in here" and she politely said, "I had to return my book. They couldn't believe it."
Carol Reinke

"I remember when Jerry Falwell came out with his list of books that should not be in the library. One fellow came in from the Township and said, "Good God you have six of them!" The books stayed."
Carol Reinke

"Today I still mother the kids even though I do not work in Children's anymore. I saw a boy go by not long ago in the style of today with the baggy pants hanging down and I told him to pull up his pants and that I never wanted to see it again."
Earnestine Butler-Kennedy

PAGES IN TIME

Front left to right
Ruth Anderson, Ruby Garn, Dorothy Fell,
- Yoder,
Ruth -, Rosemary Fitzharris, Norma Kreig,
Helen Hempstead, -, Barbara Gaertner,
Beatrice Prall, Gladys Blakely, Muriel Sierocki.
Ruth Kleinert, -,
Nelda Hinz, Margaret Bray, -,
Dorothy Oldenberg, Barbara (Smitt) Garland,-,
Back left to right
Helen Clears, Frances Dunn, Lucile Daunlee,
-, Helen Schaberg

Bottom left to right
Nelda Hinz, Alice Brady, Hester Schaberg,
Beatrice Prall, Emilie (Oppenheim) Kahan
Second row left to right
Frances Dunn, Catherine (Cummings) Cook,
Marie (Glover) Meilstrop, Ruth Andersonn, Betty
Nickle-West,
Ruth Cummings, Helen Clears, Eleanor Wirdelmann
Third row left to right
Rosemary Fitzharris, Ruth (Fry) Kleinert,
Margaret Montgomery, Margaret Bray,
Charlotte Cooper, Irene Mischler, Gladys Blakely,
Edna Brooks

First row left to right
Faye Gatson, Linda Bryant, Pat Bennett,
Darrell Eagan, Janet Olmsted, Norman Maas
Second row left to right
Marcia Warner, Martha Shinners,
Jeanine Collison,
Jim Veneziano, Sherrill Smith, Ann Birkam,
Norman Mass
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Marge Chadwick,
Char Taber, Kathy Dittrich, Ruth Ann Reinert,
Trisha Speight, Jo Ella Krantz,
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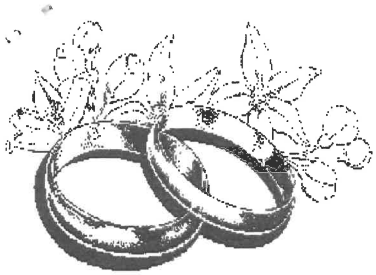
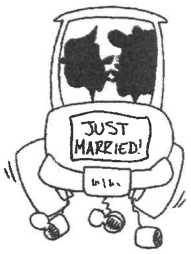


"I used to say that if you wanted to meet your future spouse then work at the library."

Earnestine Butler-Kennedy

"I met my wife while at one of Bernie's parties. In fact there were four marriages at the library. Betty and Fred Hicks, Paul and Nancy Lutenske, and Dave and Jan Curtis."

Dave Curtis



"I did acquire one of my daughter's husbands while working. There was a man that did contracting work for us and when my daughter came to visit one day and I was giving her a tour I would find Kevin in the same places we were. Finally I introduced them and he called her the next day and asked her out. I now have four grandchildren and a wonderful son-in-law."

Carol Reinke

The Gang's All Here

1960 at the Bancroft Hotel. Hester Schaberg's Retirement Party.

Standing: left to right

Jean Hoerner, Ruth Kleinert, Ellen Boyse, Ann Smith, Joan Buscarino, Edith Riedel, Zigrida Vilks, Helen Hempstead, Marjorie Ciaffone, Jr., Monroe Causley, Iola Williams, Nelda Hinz, Margaret Bray, Ruth Anderson, Dorothy Harvey, Dorothy Fell,

Irma Skroderis, Norma Krieg, Rosemary Fitzharris, Glenn Miller, Barbara Gaertner

Seated:

Carol Reinke, Barbara Lee, Doris Birch, Louise Yeager, Helen Clears, Frances Dunn, Hester Schaberg, Stanley Tanner, Gladys Blakely, Lucile Daunlee, Georgia Handt, Carol Shackelford

Center

Janet Ciolek, Ruby Garn